



Gagetown School PARENT PAGE

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"Soar with the Eagles"

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe that this year is reaching the halfway point! Christmas is just around the corner and it will soon be time to relax and celebrate for a few days. It is also a great time to reflect on the work already accomplished at Gagetown School by its dedicated staff and volunteers, and think about our needs and direction for the new year.

The start to this year has seen many changes with the addition of a new teacher and class in October, as well as three teachers who joined our staff in September. We have also welcomed several new students and their families into our school. All staff members have worked collaboratively and enthusiastically to help make the many changes as smooth as possible for everyone. As the year has unfolded, I have once again been impressed by the quality of work produced by the students in each class. Every teacher has high expectations for student achievement and behaviour at Gagetown School.

An important part of the functioning of any school is the Home and School team. This year we have many new members, and as a group they have worked hard to raise money to provide the students with much needed resources and "extras". I believe it is important for the community, staff and students to be aware of the services and materials provided by these dedicated individuals. Since October, the H&S has raised and spent money on the following things:

- \$200.00 for magazine subscriptions for the library.
- \$500.00 for child-friendly furniture to be purchased for the library.
- \$371.00 for Gagetown T-shirts to be worn by students representing the school at various District events and competitions.
- \$260.00 contributed for all middle level students to attend an overnight lock-in at the Base.
- \$217.00 to purchase additional ukuleles for the middle level music program.
- \$50.00 for a K-5 playground tetherball.
- \$75.00 for art supplies.
- \$100.00 for special Remembrance Day bulbs planted in the school garden.

Additionally, your Home and School Team has applied for and received the following grants and/or donations:

- \$250.00 Participaction Grant for treats and other fun items at our K-8 Jingle Bell Sock Hop being held on December 20th.
- \$200.00 donation from the PC Grand Lake/Gagetown Association which helped pay for our trip to the Legislature and the Beaverbrook Art Gallery.
- \$450.00 donation of 2 Christmas trees from Kent Building Supplies.

I would like to thank all the Home and School members, as well as all the staff members of Gagetown school, for working so tirelessly to help create such a wonderful atmosphere in which to work! As you can see, everything we do is for our kids.

I hope everyone has a restful and joyful Christmas break.

Mary Evans, Principal

Trip to Legislature and Art Gallery

Last Thursday, the entire school took a very cultural trip into the Legislative Assembly and the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton. We saw many important works of art at the Gallery including the rat display. The tour of the Legislature was very interesting especially the gas lanterns, the beautiful circular staircase and all the rules for behavior in the gallery of the legislature. The school was introduced to all the MLA's – so we felt very important.



Christmas Dinner at Legion

On Wednesday, December 12th, Gagetown students and staff will once again be treated to a full turkey dinner at the Legion. We would like to thank the volunteers in advance for providing us with this wonderful treat.



Christmas Concert

The Gagetown Christmas Concert will be held this Wednesday, December 12th in the school gym beginning at 6:30. Your children need to be dropped off in their classrooms, no later than 6:15 and not before 5:45. At the conclusion of the concert, parents are to pick up their children from their classrooms so the teachers know that everyone is accounted for.

Please bring an item for the Food Bank the night of the concert



HO HO Hot Chocolate & Christmas Hat Day

Friday, December 14th

As a middle level fundraising event all students are being invited to pay \$0.50 to wear a Christmas themed hat during the school day on Friday, December 14th. As well, for \$0.50 they will be able to purchase a cup of HO HO hot chocolate that will be delivered to their class after recess.



Badminton

Middle Level girls played their district finals on Thursday, December 6th. Although they didn't bring home any medals, they all played some really great matches and received positive comments from other schools about their efforts.

With the snow day on Monday, the boys Middle Level Badminton tournament had to be cancelled. The game was re-scheduled for Wednesday, December 12th which conflicts with our Christmas Concert so Gagetown will not be attending the badminton tournament this year. However the boys and girls will be participating in a "friendly" competition this Friday afternoon at Cambridge Narrows. Go Eagles!



Check out the new Gagetown T-shirts to be worn by our students when they are representing out school at various district events!



The Grinch

Janice Shaw, Technology Mentor extraordinaire, has a very special talent which she is going to share with the students and staff on Tuesday, December 18th at 12:15. Apparently she has memorized the poem "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" and is going to present it to us in the library.

Jingle Bell Hop

The Home and School has organized a Jingle Bell Hop for all K-8 students in the gym on December 20th. There will be music, decorations and special treats for every student. And it is FREE! Rock on Gagetown!

Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars

December 10 th	Pizza Day
December 12 th	Staff & Student Christmas Dinner at the Legion
December 12 th	Christmas Concert 6:30 pm
December 13 th	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
December 13 th	Snow Date for Christmas Concert
December 14 th	Christmas Hat Day
December 14 th	Ho-Ho Hot Chocolate Day
December 14 th	Ice Cream Day
December 17 th	Pizza Day
December 19 th	Reindeer Dog Day
December 20 th	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
December 20 th	K-8 Jingle Bell Sock Hop 12:30
December 21 st	Ice Cream Day
December 21 st	Last Day of Classes
January 7 th	NO School - PD Day
January 8 th	NO School - PD Day
January 9 th	First Day Back to School

